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State Federation Retains Incumbent Officers, Approves Break With CIO

Retail Clerks Win 40-Hour Week; No Cut

Retail Clerks Union 839 of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties won an arbitration case recently and now have a 40-hour work week, with no cut in the take-home pay which had been received for the 48-hour week.

Roland C. Davis, noted labor attorney, announced that Local 839 now has a contract providing for the highest wage scale for grocery clerks in the United States.

The arbitration case, which affected Monterey County grocery employees only, resulted when the union and employer representatives were unable to reach an agreement on the work week and wages.

Sam Kagel, of San Francisco, was called in as arbiter. He issued his decision, which was a complete victory for the union, on Aug. 14.

Prior to the arbitration, grocery clerks in Monterey County were one of the few groups in the state who had not yet achieved the 40-hour week. Employers protested that conditions in Monterey County were not ready for inauguration of the 40-hour week at the same pay as for 48 hours.

JONES ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF LABORERS 272

Carl ("Casey") Jones, formerly vice president of Salinas Laborers Union 272, was elected as union president in a close contest last meeting, succeeding Randolph Fenchel, who resigned after serving in this capacity for many years.

Elected vice president was Dewey Quinten, who also was named to a post on the union's executive board.

The new officers were installed by Jim Porterfield, of San Francisco, an international representative for laborers and a labor conciliator. He holds Book No. 1 in the Redding local of laborers and is widely known in California.

Porterfield spoke briefly at the meeting, telling the unusually large attendance of his duties as an international officer and speaking on the democratic policies of the Laborers Union.

Rehabilitation of aluminum plant at Riverbank starts Sept. 1, Bechtel Corporation, \$20,000,000.

NOTICE TO CARPENTERS

Monday, Sept. 3, (Labor Day), and Monday, Sept. 10, (Observance of Admission Day), are holidays for all union carpenters in this district. No work is to be performed on these days. All union carpenters please note.

Also: Under by-laws of the district council, any carpenter working in the jurisdiction of a union other than the one in which he holds membership must report to the business agent of the other union BEFORE going to work.

Members in good standing, with dues paid up in full, may work anywhere in the two counties without paying any fee or transferring membership, but they MUST REPORT to the business agent before going on the job.

These are official announcements. All union carpenters please take note.

HARVEY BALDWIN,
President.
LEO E. THILTGEN,
Secretary.
Monterey Bay District Council
of Carpenters.

Carp. Council To Issue Cards; Holidays Set

As soon as arrangements can be completed, all union carpenters in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties will carry membership cards which are inscribed with the name of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters.

Council President Harvey Baldwin said that the district body announced this at its meeting Aug. 14. Affiliated unions will be given the cards for distribution.

Approval of by-laws was completed by the council at the last meeting, following report of the referendum vote taken by various unions affiliated. Problems of various unions were discussed.

Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday night, Sept. 11, at Watsonville, with Local 771 as host.

Baldwin said it was agreed that any carpenter traveling from his home local jurisdiction to the jurisdiction of another local in the council area must report to the business agent in the territory be-

Sardine Fleet Sails; Plants Ready to Pack

At anchorage since the season opened on Aug. 1, the Monterey sardine fishing fleet sailed from the harbor last Thursday night following settlement of a fish price dispute.

Officials of the AFL Fishermen's Union and the Fish Cannery Workers Union said the plants along Monterey's famous Cannery Row were ready to pack whatever catch the boats brought in.

The 60 large purse seiners and 20 smaller fishing boats were expected to have to sail far south to find sardines, however, although some boats were expected to remain close to port in an effort to find sardines in or near Monterey Bay.

Expected to set the pattern for the sardine industry in Northern California, the rate agreed upon in Monterey was \$46 a ton for sardines landed in that port, \$36 for those landed at Morro Bay and trucked to cannery plants.

The fishermen had asked \$55 a ton. Last year the rate was \$35.

Fish cannery workers had settled their contract on the eve of the season opening. The sardine season continues until Jan. 15.

Teamsters Meet Next on Sept. 6

Next meeting of General Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County will be held in Salinas on Thursday night, Sept. 6, Secretary Peter A. Andrade announces.

This union cancelled all meetings during July and August except for special sessions for the various divisions to consider contract problems and other matters.

DEDICATE TEMPLE

Rock Island, Ill. (LPA) — The Labor Temple of the Tri-City Federation of Labor, which also comprises Moline, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa, was dedicated with a banquet.

ing entered, before starting to work.

It was announced that under existing contracts, the next two Mondays are holidays for carpenters. No work will be allowed on Sept. 3, Labor Day, or on Sept. 10, which is the holiday being observed in commemoration of Admission Day, Sept. 9.

Back Foreign Policy; Urge Tighter Control on Mexicans, Increased Low-Cost Housing

Winding up sessions one day earlier than anticipated, the 49th convention of the California State Federation of Labor at San Diego last week re-elected all incumbent officials without opposition, approved the AFL break with the CIO on political co-operation, reaffirmed its stand against Communism, demanded a curb on importation of Mexican labor into the U. S., advocated a 6-hour day and 34-hour week for teachers, urged reducing social security retirement age to 55, and demanded that the government expand its program of slum clearance and low-cost housing.

All incumbents elected without opposition include: Thomas L. Pitts, president; C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer; district vice presidents Max J. Osslo, Jack T. Arnold, Elmer J. Jordan, William C. Carroll, John T. Gardner, C. T. Lehmann, Harvey Lundschen, Pat Somerset, O. T. Satre, William A. Dean, Paul L. Reeves, C. A. Green, Thomas A. Small, Arthur F. Dougherty, George Kelly, Harry Lundeberg, Victor S. Swanson, Robert S. Ash, Harry C. Grady, Howard Reed, Lowell Nelson, Harry Finks, Albin J. Gruhn and Roy Walker.

SHELLEY IS SPEAKER

Featured speakers at the convention, which was attended by 2000 delegates, included Congressman John F. Shelley; Daniel V. Flanagan, newly-appointed Assistant Deputy Administrator of the Defense Production Administration; Arnold S. Zander, Intl. President of State, County and Municipal Employees; William E. McFetridge, Intl. President of Building Service Employees; Mohammed Zein El Din, President of General Motor Carriers of Egypt; Assemblyman Wallace Henderson; J. D. McDonald, President of Oregon State Federation of Labor; Attorney General Edmund G. Brown.

The 2000 delegates endorsed a resolution demanding a halt to the influx of Mexican workers and declaring that this immigration should be permitted only as actual need is shown and only on the basis of American prevailing pay scales for the importees. Secretary Haggerty informed the press that AFL President William Green was being asked to integrate a national drive to prevent illegal entry of "wetbacks."

Peace resolutions introduced by a few locals got short shrift. One, presented by the Mill Valley Carpenters, asked for a foreign policy dedicated to peace and an end to the further construction of war bases and stockpiling of atom bombs, planes and ships for military purposes. Rejecting this position, the convention adopted a resolution backing administration foreign policy and urged that military equipment be provided 30,000 Chinese Nationalist troops headed by Chiang Kai-Shek. Wendell Phillips, chairman of the resolutions committee and chief of the S. F. Bakery Drivers, criticized the peace resolution as "mostly mouthings now emanating from Communist fronts."

Highlight of the convention was an address by Congressman John F. Shelley who made an impassioned appeal for greater labor unity in dealing with problems of

legislation and national defense. Shelley declared that if Labor is to secure justice under the present setup, it must "push and fight and demand." He added that "this administration will not move unless it is pushed a little." The former president of the State Federation and secretary of the S. F. Labor Council also mildly criticized labor forces for "indecisiveness" on political issues, and inferred his disapproval of the AFL ending its political cooperation with the CIO. Although Shelley's talk was somewhat critical, as well as congratulatory, his great popularity in the California labor movement was demonstrated when the delegates gave him a standing ovation.

Although the Federation reaffirmed its complete support of the national defense program, it nevertheless characterized the 1951 Defense Production Act as "inadequate and inequitable" and urged that health plans and other fringe benefits be allowed under wage regulations of the WSB. It also emphasized the necessity of stronger rent and price controls and higher profit taxes.

Electrical Worker delegates from Southern California locals introduced a resolution to condemn both the Democratic and Republican parties and to join with the CIO in the promotion of a national labor party. This was opposed by IBEW locals from the northern part of the state and the resolution did not reach the floor. Another controversial resolution that failed to be reported out was one urging repeal of the Smith Act, under which Communist party leaders are being arrested. However, in reiterating its unalterable opposition to Communism, an adopted declaration by the resolutions committee warned against hysterical abrogation of civil rights and added: "Fear of Communism may bring a destruction of our American way of life such as no outside foe could accomplish."

In appreciation of the record of service of Secretary C. J. Haggerty, the convention voted to increase his monthly salary from \$1000 to \$1500.

Dan Flanagan Named To Washington Post

Daniel V. Flanagan, director of the AFL's west coast office in San Francisco, has been sworn in as Assistant Deputy Administrator of the Defense Production Administration. Flanagan is on leave from his job as director of organization for the 11 western states and as personal representative of AFL President William Green.

Farm Laborers Given Rebuffs At WSB Hearing

Charges that the Wage Stabilization Board hearing conducted in King City last week on wage rates for tomato harvesters was "one-sided" and anti-labor were voiced by Carl Lara, business agent for the National Farm Labor Union Council at Salinas.

Lara traveled to King City as an observer in the hearing on wage rates for the tomato pickers. At the end of the hearing he asked the WSB representatives questions

regarding the right of the workers and their union to request adjustments in wages.

He says that the WSB spokesman informed him that labor was not to request wage adjustments, that only the farmers and labor contractors could ask for such adjustments.

The NFLU position, according to Lara, is simple—no member of the union will work for the sub-standard wage agreed upon by the WSB.

Unless adjustments are made, the NFLU will not supply its members for the work, Lara explained.

Reply to the request of the NFLU that lettuce shippers and growers in the Salinas area meet with the union to discuss contract matters was still being awaited late last week, Lara said. The union has asked for a meeting in the hope of avoiding strife and disputes in its contract negotiations.

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Oak Steamfitters Win Large Amount In Travel Awards

After a year-old dispute, Steamfitters 342 has won a significant decision from Arbitrator Sam Angel which orders the Associated General Contractors to pony up back payments to members of some quarter of a million dollars. This represents a travel time award.

The dispute arose back in July, 1950, and was concerned principally at a construction job in Antioch, where Bechtel and Midwest Piping were doing work for the P. G. & E. The union claimed a free zone within a radius of 25 miles and \$3 a day travel allowances for work performed on jobs within a radius of 35 to 40 miles from the Oakland dispatch office. Last October the Labor Commissioner ruled in favor of the union, but the employers balked. A strike was called at the P. G. & E. plant. Bosses came back with two court suits for injunction and damages. The court judges refused to issue injunctions. Then it went to the arbitrator, who finally held with the unions.

James Martin, secretary of the union, says that the P. G. & E. job alone will bring members employed there close to \$125,000.

To give young people in Britain a chance of inexpensive travelling abroad for educational purposes, a non-profit making organization, "Youth Travel Ships," has been established. It is hoped that among this year's successes will be a special chartering of a ship for a series of voyages between Britain and the U. S. A.

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Social Security Program Should Be Extended to Give Fuller Coverage

The nation's social security program looks pretty good. But it's still not enough. The social security amendments of 1950 strengthened the program and brought 10 million more persons under its coverage.

There still are 15 million farmers, farm workers and other self-employed people in miscellaneous industries who are not covered.

"So long as there remain large groups and major economic risks which are not covered, the program falls short of fulfilling its purpose," the Social Security Administration said in its 1950 report.

The Social Security Administration makes these recommendations:

1. A national system of contributory social insurance. A national system of social insurance administered on a decentralized basis is the most economical way of getting benefits to those who need them.

2. Complete coverage of all workers. Coverage should be extended so more families could provide for themselves.

3. Protection against loss of income due to sickness or disability. At present there is no systematic method of assuring a continuing income to the sick or disabled worker.

4. Social insurance against the costs of medical care. Private health insurance plans don't meet

the needs of enough people. A government health insurance program knocks down financial barriers to needed medical care.

5. A public assistance program to meet special needs. These should include Federal grants for general assistance to needy, funds for medical care of the needy, Federal sharing in the costs of family welfare services, and increased Federal sharing of public assistance costs to states with low income.

6. Health and welfare services for children, including research. Such services should be available to children in every part of the United States.

7. A strong credit union program. More families should be able to increase their security through savings and "discount facilities."

Sees Labor Day As Opportunity

Washington. — In a Labor Day statement, the social action department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Rev. R. A. McGowan, director, said in part:

"This is a critical period in the history of the world, but it is also a time of great opportunity—opportunity to establish a good social system in the United States and to assist in the establishment of a good social system in all the countries outside the Iron Curtain."

The NCWC said that Labor Day should be profoundly religious.

"The American trade union movement, which is honored in a particular way on the occasion of Labor Day, will, let us hope and pray, continue to be faithful to the principles of justice and charity upon which it was founded," it said.

BRITISH SHIPYARDS

Swansea, Wales (LPA) — Weekly wage increases of \$2.80 for 2,500,000 British shipyard workers were demanded by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions meeting here. Post Office engineers, seeking a \$3 weekly increase, rejected a government offer of \$1.40.

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Govt. Poor Boss Compared With Private Industry

Washington (LPA) — Uncle Sam's a poor boss. That's the considered opinion of Stanley Oliver, president of the AFL Federation of Technical Engineers, and Undersecretary of Labor Michael J. Galvin.

"While some years ago federal employment was very attractive to many people," Oliver said, "today salaries are markedly higher in private employment, in the neighborhood of 30 per cent or more."

The union head, testifying before a House Ways and Means subcommittee on the need for giving federal employees unemployment benefits they are now denied, said that because U. S. service is not attractive the defense establishment is having trouble obtaining sufficient manpower.

Galvin told a legion group that the government has let its standards on wages, job security, and "dignity of the employee" fall far behind private industry and is fast becoming one of the poorest employers in the country. He charged U. S. workers "tremble each year in the shadow of a fund-slashing Congressional ax." He contended that while "the average real weekly earnings of factory workers have gone up 45 per cent since 1939, they have gone down 2 per cent for government workers."

Employment by all governmental units in the U. S. rose from 186 per 10,000 population in 1909-10 to 371 in 1948, while payrolls increased from \$18 per capita of total population to \$61, with the greatest expansion occurring in state and local governments, a Labor Department survey reports.

Labor Editors Want Law Showing Congressmen's Pay

Washington (LPA) — Warning that "nothing would be more injurious" than for the people to lose faith in the honesty of Congress, the Eastern Labor Press Conference urged a law calling for reports on income.

Under the law the ELPC proposes, every member of Congress would have to file annually a public statement showing all income receipts, the source, and the purpose for which payment was made.

The ELPC, composed of editors, writers and publishers of bona fide labor papers in the eastern United States, said the proposal is non-partisan. "No honest legislator need hesitate to vote for this bill," the ELPC declared.

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EDITORIALS**How Labor Usually Loses**

It has been a matter of common observation that labor comes out at the losing end in most elections. How is it that this can happen year after year when the men and women of labor are so numerous that they could swing any election if they would stand together? It has always happened because labor divided its political strength in response to carefully laid plans to split the labor vote. A large army of paid political workers are turned loose during all the important election campaigns to direct the splitting of the labor vote.

The nearer the labor vote comes to being split square in two, the easier it becomes for manipulating political directors to gain control. If fifteen million organized workers can be split in half the net result of organized labor's voting will be nil. Labor itself is chiefly to blame for permitting its political powers to be thus frittered away to absolutely no purpose whatever, except to play into the hands of designing politicians.

When will labor in the United States learn to unite its political power at the ballot box? Until labor does learn this most important lesson of political unity the labor vote will continue to be a joke that commands little or no respect because it is divided. When divided, labor always loses. Nor does it serve any purpose for labor to unite politically until the workers have a sensible and effective program to unite on.

With Whom Will We Trade?

One of the most frequent reasons advanced to justify donating billions to countries in Europe and Asia under the Marshall Plan is that when these countries get on their feet they should become good customers of producers and manufacturers in the United States. What foundation is there for such a belief? How much likelihood is there that this will happen?

In the first place, we are building up in the United States the most formidable barrier that could be erected against future trade with foreign countries in every part of our world by permitting our profiteers to continually boost prices to higher and ever higher levels. No other country on earth has as high wage levels as the United States, hence no American can sell much goods in any foreign country for the prices that prevail and get by in our own country today. As prices are still going up here, it will become more and more difficult to sell American goods abroad because enough buying power does not exist in any other country to pay the high prices that prevail in the United States, with every prospect that prices will go much higher before the tide turns. Where these high prices slow up buying here, such prices will stop buying entirely in most foreign countries, hence very little of our goods can be sold abroad.

Then what will happen in the countries that have received Marshall Plan aid? They will not be able to pay our high prices even though they might want to. Their only other out will be to buy from other countries whose products can be bought more cheaply—and that is what they are pretty certain to do. It is what they always have done.

Need of Labor Party

Labor needs a political party to express its interests honestly and completely enough to make it worth while for labor to unite politically to insure success at the polls for the party it has chosen as its political vehicle. In most countries in Europe, and in Australia, this has been accomplished through labor parties organized independently and separately from all other political parties.

In the United States we have never had a labor party that polled enough votes to get very far in American politics. During the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt the Democratic Party became labor's party in the United States because it expressed the interests of American labor as fully and in some ways more fully than do the labor parties of Australia, Great Britain, and other countries where labor parties lead all other political parties in their respective countries.

Although the Democratic Party now has the President and both houses of Congress, anti-labor southern Democrats have lined up with the woefully reactionary Republicans in Congress. These two anti-labor groups have largely destroyed the usefulness of the Democratic Party, for the time being, when it comes to expressing the interests of labor in our national legislation. As now constituted, the Democratic Party no longer expresses labor's interests politically. Unless it changes radically labor will discard it as labor discarded the Republican Party twenty years ago.

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• Exit McCarthy? . . .

Sen. William Benton (D., Conn.) has demanded that Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.) be expelled from the Senate. Benton based his move on a Senate committee report which bitterly assailed the manner in which GOP Senator Butler of Maryland had been elected, with McCarthy pulling the strings. Chances of expulsion are small since a two-thirds vote of the Senate membership is required . . . oh, well, they can still buy Airwick.

• Another Handout . . .

The Senate has passed a new basic point bill which, if it becomes law, will wreck the anti-trust laws and let big business ruin many of its small competitors. Last year President Truman vetoed a similar bill when he was flooded with protests from all over the country. You folks may have to get your pens out again.

• Minnesota Mayor Fights for People . . .

The citizens of Rochester, Minn., have a real friend in Mayor Glen Amundsen. For the second time, he has refused to knuckle to the real estate operators' scheme to decontrol the city. He vetoed the city council's resolution which would have tossed the public into the laps of the landlords. I wonder how many other mayors have Mayor Amundsen's rare sense of public responsibility.

• Prices Going Up . . .

The New York Times headlined: "New Defense Law Held Inflationary; Durable Goods Going Up." Government economists predict the so-called price control law will increase your food prices as much as 10% within the next few months. Ford and Chrysler have applied for increases of about 10% on their new passenger cars, and the other companies can not be far behind. All this means that you consumers will be getting it in the neck once again—thanks to the reactionary coalition that runs Congress.

• Congressman Protects Himself . . .

Ed Gossett, Texas Democrat, has resigned from the House of Representatives because, he says, he can't support his wife and children on his present salary. He becomes chief counsel for Southwestern Bell Telephone at a reported \$25,000 a year, about double what he got in Washington. Gossett voted wrong on every key provision in the so-called price control law. Knowing prices are going up—he takes a new job at double the salary. Too bad we all can't do that.

JOKES, Etc.

Ardent dog fanciers, a young couple had always had their home overrun with canines. When a baby arrived everybody wondered how the infant would get along with all the four-footed pets.

A friend inquired, "Does the baby talk yet?"

"Not yet," the mother said, "but he's learning how to bark."

Miss Green: "I know he's rich, but isn't he too old to be considered eligible?"

Mrs. Brown: "My dear, he's too eligible to be considered old!"

When a fellow hears a soprano singing in the bath and puts his ear to the keyhole—he is a real music lover.

Taken from a patent medicine testimonial: "Since taking your tablets regularly, I am another woman. Needless to say, my husband is delighted."

Judge: "Why did you steal that \$100,000?"

Defendant: "I was hungry."

One angry skunk to another, "So do you!"

Jack: "Is my face dirty, or is it my imagination?"

Jill: "Your face looks all right. But I can't say about your imagination."

Janitor (coming up on couple in corridor): "Are you going to kiss that girl?"

Student: "No."

Janitor: "Well, then, hold my broom."

Spiritualist: "Ah, I hear the spirit of your late wife knocking."

Widower: "Who's she knocking now?"

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then stop. No use being silly about it.

"Why do you say that beautiful photograph of your wife was just a snapshot?"

"Well, it must have been. Her mouth was shut."

McTavish: "Can you let me have an empty bottle?"

Chemist: "Yes, for 5 cents, but it will cost you nothing if you have something in it."

McTavish: "Guid. Put a cork in it."

Volcano: A high mountain that keeps interrupting.

As they propped themselves up against the bar, Thompson remarked:

"I say, old man, when your wife's away do you have to tell her everything that you do?"

Johnson put his empty glass down and smiled sadly.

"Not at all necessary," he replied. "She tells me that she always gets a more reliable account from the neighbors."

A woman, inexperienced with rod and reel, had managed to reel in an oversize minnow until it hung tightly against the end of the rod. "Now, what should I do?" she cried.

"Climb up the rod," the guide blurted, "and choke him to death."

Usher, to waiting line at movie theater: "There's a single seat next to a man eating potato chips."

To keep apples from spoiling, place them in a cool room in a house occupied by eight children.

"What kind of guy is your roommate?"

"Well, last night he stubbed his toe on a chair and said, 'Oh, the perversity of inanimate objects.'"

Modern girl (telephoning home at 3 a.m.): "Don't worry about me, Mom. I'm all right. I'm in jail."

"Why do you want your little boy to sleep in that high bed?"

"So we can hear him when he falls out."



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Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits to working women have been greatly enlarged under the 1950 amendments to the Social Security Act. Before the new law, certain benefits were not paid to dependents of women workers as they were to the traditional male breadwinner.

The law has now been brought up to date and recognizes that the woman worker is here to stay and in some circumstances, is the whole or chief support of her family. Under these new provisions, for instance, benefits can be paid to the minor children of deceased women workers even though the husband was living with the family at the time of her death and also contributing to the family support. The law requires, though, that the mother have been currently working and be both "currently" and "fully" insured under the Social Security Act. If the deceased woman worker can meet these tests of the law, then benefits may still be payable if she was making regular contributions to the children's support.

There are still other benefits payable on a wife's social security account that were not provided for before. These are payments to dependent husbands and widowers of fully and currently insured women workers who were also receiving one-half or more of their total support from her immediately prior to her death.

Other than these liberalized provisions, the woman worker enjoys all of the regular retirement and survivors benefits she did before. The woman is here to stay in the laboring world!

Firm Learns Hard Way**Not to Fight Unions**

Wichita Falls, Tex. (LPA) — In 1948 employees of the Wes-Tex Boot and Shoe Company met to organize a local of the Boot and Shoe Makers International Union. Next day seven were fired. The National Labor Relations Board ordered the seven reinstated with pay for lost time. The company went to court. The court has upheld the NLRB. The bill? AFL Regional Director Lester Graham guesses it will be "\$40,000 or upward."

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40 Hr. Week With Overtime Pay to Stay, Says Wilson

Washington (LPA)—Mobilization chief Charles E. Wilson has announced the 40-hour workweek, with time and a half pay for overtime, would stay in effect throughout the defense emergency.

"The major consequence of suspending premium pay for overtime in the present defense emergency would be to disrupt the wage stabilization program and industrial relations generally," Wilson said in a policy statement. He added that any ban on overtime pay "undoubtedly" would lead to contract re-openings, deprive employees of any incentive to work more than 40 hours and create new manpower shortages in some critical defense areas.

Wilson voiced doubts that any great deal of overtime would result in increased or more efficient production. In fact, he said, excessive overtime might cause more absenteeism, accidents, illness and fatigue. He urged employers who are working their plants on overtime schedules to keep a constant check on production to "determine the effectiveness of the increased hours of work."

The Labor Department reported the average factory worker put in 40.8 hours at his job during June and department experts predicted the workweek would increase as defense production speeds up.

Meanwhile, the Wage Stabilization Board adopted a new broad policy which will permit wages to rise with the cost of living. Until now, cost of living contract clauses were permitted to operate only when they were signed before last Jan. 25. The board's new policy will permit labor and industry to negotiate new contracts pegged directly to the cost of living. Cost of living increases may also be granted where the parties do not wish to have a written escalator in their contract.

The WSB also appointed a six-man advisory committee to work with it "in the development of stabilization policy on health, welfare and pension programs." The committee, made up of labor, industry and public members, held its first meeting Aug. 6. Labor members of the committee are Carl Huhndorff of the AFL Machinists and Harry Becker of the CIO Auto Workers.

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Gravy Train Rolls On, Wilson Probes Big Tax Handouts

Washington (LPA)—The "gravy train" has been flagged. But indications are that if it slows down, it won't be much.

The "gravy train"—termed that by labor leaders and liberals in Congress, and acknowledged a "bonanza" by the Wall Street Journal—is the rapid tax write-off provision (accelerated amortization) for defense plants.

A "general moratorium" on certificates of necessity for "at least 60 days beginning August 18" has been ordered by Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson—but with major exceptions. Wilson called for an investigation during the "moratorium" into present practices of the Defense Production Administration.

"This should result in a general lower percentage of amortization," he declared—but again there were exceptions. "There will be specific instances which will not fit this pattern."

STILL HANDING OUT

It was admitted at DPA that accelerated amortization applications still were being "processed" and it was indicated they probably would be granted at about the same rate as in recent weeks.

The moratorium also exempts requests that "will not require amounts of critical materials in excess of standards recently prescribed." Wilson, in his directive to Defense Production Administrator Manly Fleischmann, pointed out "the extremely tight situation in the availability of critical materials, such as structural steel, makes it unlikely the new facility construction beyond that now planned can proceed for several

Work Starts on Big University Project

Union building mechanics started work last Monday on one of the biggest building projects in California—the \$20 million medical center on the campus of the University of California in Los Angeles. The medical center is only part of a \$120 million building program on U. C.'s eight campuses throughout the state.

months," but added "except for the most urgent projects."

With the cost of facilities on which speedy tax write-offs have been granted nearing the \$9 billion mark, it was pointed out that these cover "basic materials" in which Big Business is primarily interested. These include both production and fabrication of iron and steel, non-ferrous metals and alloys, chemical products, gasoline and other petroleum products, rubber, cement and concrete products, textiles, lumber, and pulp and paper.

ASK \$12 BILLION MORE

An estimated \$12 billion in applications for certificates awaits processing. To July 16 the proportion allowed for amortization for tax purposes over a five-year period is 68.3 per cent. The rest of the facilities' costs would be amortized over the normal period of 20 to 25 years, so that in the end tax deductions would cover the entire cost.

Another aim of the inquiry is to determine what amount of plant depreciation the government will allow to be included in production costs of defense items for which the government contracts. Some agencies, it was said, insist only amortization at the normal annual rate of approximately four per cent be allowed. This would tend to reduce an element of cost on which prices and profits are computed by contractors.

However, arguments have been made that the full emergency amortization rate—or 20 per cent—be included in a finished item's cost. DPA sources were reluctant to forecast the probable outcome, but the Wall Street Journal saw a "distinct liberalization" of present methods in negotiating contracts.

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Rep. Havenner

Representative Franck R. Havenner (D., Calif.): "It is significant that the policies advocated by special interest groups usually receive editorial support from a large majority of the newspapers of the country. I suggest that organized labor should give major attention to the problem of persuading the daily press of America to give a fair presentation of the economic and political viewpoint of the workers of the nation, not only in the news columns, but editorially as well."

Congress Is 'Very Worst'

Washington. — AFL Vice-President W. C. Doherty has a word for the 82nd Congress: Inaction.

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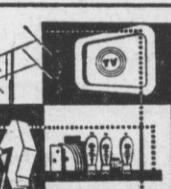
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Clerks Win Two Big Victories

The Retail Clerks this week reported two resounding victories for their unions which will be bound to have a powerful effect on trade unionism in California.

The first was the recent decision of first Appellate District of the California State Court of Appeal in favor of the Clerks in their protracted dispute with Safeway, Inc.

The background of this decision goes back to March, 1950, when the Alameda County Superior Court issued an injunction against the picketing, striking and boycotting of Safeway Stores in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, upon the theory that it was a violation of the state law for the unions to take economic action for the sole purpose of compelling plaintiff (Safeway) to bargain collectively with defendants (Retail Clerks Unions) for the terms and conditions of employment of plaintiff's Alameda County and Contra Costa County location (store) managers.

The legal theory upon which the trial court proceeded was basically that Safeway managers were "agents" of Safeway and, therefore, owed a duty of undivided loyalty to Safeway, which duty could not be compromised by membership and joint action with a union or rank and file employees. Indirectly, of course, the suit stems from the exclusion of supervisors from the protection of the Wagner Act, which was accomplished by the Taft-Hartley Act. Prior to the exclusion from the Act of the supervisors, they were under the protection of the Federal Act and it would have been impossible for the State of California to apply any such policy as the Alameda Superior Court found to exist against them.

The effort of the unions on appeal, therefore, was to establish that the public policy of the State of California does not prohibit the joint membership and efforts of supervisory and non-supervisory personnel as the trial court had decided.

Following are excerpts from the Court's opinion upon the major points raised in the litigation:

On the status of supervisors under the Taft-Hartley Act, the Court had the following to say:

"It is clear that by the adoption of sec. 14(a) the Congress intended to exclude supervisory employees from all the benefits of the Wagner Act as modified by the Taft-Hartley Act and from the like benefits of any state ('local') act which placed any compulsion or restraint upon employers in collective bargaining with their employees. It is equally clear that the Congress by this enactment did not place any restriction on the common-law or non-statutory right of supervisory employees to organize for the purpose of bargaining with their employers and to use any of the recognized legal methods of pressure (striking, picketing, etc.) which the common non-statutory law accorded them as employees. . . .

"The Congress thus expressly recognized a constitutional right of supervisory employees . . . the right as employees to organize or join a union of their choice for the purpose of bargaining for better terms of employment with their employer."

The Court, in a thorough review of the interests and organizational status of supervisors and rank-and-file, noted that "membership of supervisory employees in rank-and-file unions is nothing new in the history of labor-management relations in this country." The Court then quoted extensively from collective bargaining authorities which we had furnished in our brief as to the practice of covering foremen by union agreements in the United States, and then made the following significant conclusion:

"Courts should not overlook history and experience when they are asked to hold that a practice which in some instances goes back for over 60 years is contrary to public policy. Nor can we close our eyes to practicalities. . . . In the struggle for better working conditions if supervisory employees are denied the assistance of the rank and file

who work with them they are denied the assistance of the only ally which they are apt to find. . . ."

Counsel for the unions had vigorously resisted Safeway's position that a California court should establish a public policy against collective bargaining for supervisors and had maintained that such an important question of policy was best determined by labor and management themselves or by the legislature. The Court, in considering this contention, quoted with approval similar views expressed by Justice Holmes, Justice Frankfurter and Justices Edmonds and Traynor of our California Supreme Court, and concluded with this statement:

"The lessons of experience crystallized in the above quotations dictate that courts in shadowed areas of conflicting interests, with only the limited factual information available within the narrow confines of a particular case, and without the opportunity to see the picture as a whole either in its broad and sweeping outlines or in the infinite detail of all the complexities of human relations, should not attempt dogmatic and sweeping declarations of public policy for which the facts of the particular case are too apt to furnish incomplete and fragmentary data, and the repercussions of which in other situations not clearly or at all envisioned by the court may be extremely mischievous and unfortunate."

The Court made short work of Safeway's principal straw man, which was that a store manager is the agent of Safeway and under the law a principal has the right to demand "undivided loyalty from his agent." The Court on this point had the following to say, among other things:

"The injunction rests primarily, as previously stated, upon the right of a principal to demand undivided loyalty from his agent. This principle in the areas in which it has been applied embodies the wisdom of judicial experience. Even in those areas, as pointed out by amicus curiae, the law permits an agent to deal with a principal for his own advantage if he makes a full disclosure of the facts. It is the secret, the undisclosed, the surreptitious placing of his own interests above those of his principal upon which the law frowns. . . .

"To extend the principle of the right to undivided loyalty to cover a court-made doctrine of public policy that no supervisory employee may openly bargain with his employer through a rank-and-file union of his choice is to disregard the caution of Justice Holmes quoted with approval in C. S. Smith Met. Market Co. v. Lyons, supra, 16 Cal. 2d p. 403:

"But the word "right" is one of the most deceptive of pitfalls; it is so easy to slip from a qualified meaning in the premise to an unqualified one in the conclusion. Most right are qualified."

On the facts of the case, the following quotation will be of particular interest to retail clerks representatives who remember the hue and cry raised by Safeway concerning the "pressure" and "domination" exercised by the unions over the store managers:

"Plaintiff emphasizes certain instances in which their store managers were put under pressures by defendant unions in their dealings with plaintiff. If we are right in our conclusion that this is a legislative question rather than one for the courts no purpose will be served by discussing these incidents. Courts cannot undertake the piecemeal and detailed regulations of the complicated relations between labor and management. We will remark that the few instances cited are impressive that on the whole the evils that plaintiff envisions as arising from the membership in defendant unions of its store managers have in practice been kept to the minimum."

The effect of the Court's decision is, of course, to strike from Judge Hoyt's preliminary injunction all provisions which in any way restrict the clerks' unions from striking, picketing or engaging in other

concerted activities for the purpose of seeking collective bargaining rights for store managers.

Under our California appeals procedures, Safeway may petition for a rehearing before the District Court of Appeal and it may seek to have the State Supreme Court hear the case. Therefore, this decision of the District Court of Appeal is not as yet final. However, I think that all counsel will agree that there is every reason to be confident that the views expressed by this Court will be ultimately held to be the law in California.

ARBITRATION CASE

Also of considerable interest to Retail Clerks Unions in California and to the AFL generally is a recent arbitration award involving Retail Clerks Union, Local No. 839, and various Monterey County grocery employers. The parties having been unable to come to an agreement as to the length of the work week and basic wages to be paid to grocery clerks in Monterey County, recently submitted those questions to arbitration before Mr. Sam Kigel of San Francisco.

On Aug. 14, 1951, Mr. Kigel issued his decision, which was a complete victory for the union. Prior to this arbitration the grocery clerks in Monterey County were one of the few groups in the state who had not yet achieved the 40-hour work week. It was the union's position that the 48-hour work week should be reduced to 40 without a loss in take-home pay. Mr. Kigel, rejecting the employers' position that conditions in Monterey County were not yet ready for the inauguration of the 40-hour week, granted the clerks the reduced work week without a reduction in pay. As a result of this decision, Retail Clerks Union, Local No. 839, now has a contract providing for the highest wage scale for grocery clerks in the United States.

Unions Are Warned To Guard Against Gangster Inroads

New York (LPA)—Organized labor must be on guard against efforts of gangsters to "infiltrate labor unions and bleed workers and employers alike," says Rudolph Halley, former counsel for the Kefauver crime investigation.

Halley, now Liberal candidate for president of the City Council, said there are strong indications that top gangsters and their subordinates are turning their attention again to labor unions, as they did in the 30's when repeal of prohibition dried up their sources of revenue.

"We hear of bombings in New Jersey and Illinois," Halley writes in the "Hat Worker," of the AFL United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers. "We hear of muscle operations and violations in many cities. We learn, as we did in connection with New York's seamy waterfront, that the gangsters play on both sides of the fence and serve as armed guards for strikebreakers at the same time that they attempt to gain power in unions by doing violence to labor membership and leaders alike."

He urged that labor make sure it has the protection and support of honest and courageous public officials in opposing the inroads of criminals.

State Vets Get More Loan for Home, Farm

Under the new law effective Sept. 22, eligible California veterans may apply for low-interest state farm and home financing under the higher maximum provisions. It increases from \$7500 to \$8500 the maximum amount the Department of Veteran Affairs may advance to a veteran on purchase of a home, and from \$13,500 to \$15,000 the maximum advance on a farm.

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State Craft Organizations Attend Conferences in San Diego, Enjoy Entertainment

Delegates of several state union organizations converged on San Diego for gatherings held just previous to the convention of the State Federation of Labor.

CULINARY CRAFTS

The California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees met Aug. 18 and 19 and delegates were guests of San Diego locals 500 and 402 at a banquet. They were also treated to a race card at Agua Caliente, across the Mexican border. Frankie Behan of San Francisco is president of the State Council.

BUILDING SERVICE

A pre-convention meeting was also held by the State Council of Building Service Employees at the Grant Hotel. This council has 28 locals and some 50,000 members. George Hardy of San Francisco is secretary.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS

Another craft which held a special two-day session was the California State Association of Electrical Workers, of which Dex Jewett of San Diego is president and James Lance secretary. Oscar Harbak, Ninth District vice president, and Otto Reiman, international office representative, were present. The visitors were hosted by Local 569 which treated them to a buffet luncheon on the Marine Roof of the Hotel San Diego and a dinner-dance at the same hotel. All but a few of the 51 IBEW locals in the state are affiliated with the Association.

LUMBER WORKERS

Convention headquarters for the California State Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers was the St. James Hotel and delegates were entertained by Local 2020 with a banquet Aug. 22. This Council has 75 locals under its jurisdiction with a membership of over 18,000. President is William H. Knight and secretary is J. L. Hazard.

PAINTERS BOARD MEETS

There was no special pre-convention session of the California State Conference of Painters, which has 107 locals and more than 36,500 members. However, its 11-member executive board met in Los Angeles two days before the convention. President of the State Conference is Walter Morris.

THEATRICAL FEDERATION

A pre-convention caucus was held by the California State Theatrical Federation Aug. 18, and convention delegates were entertained with a dinner at the Stirrup Cup Cafe. Biggest job confronting the Federation is organization of the TV industry. The organization is 31 years old. It started at that time with 9 locals and 1381 members and today has 45 locals and over 70,000 members. Pat Somerset is president and William P. Sutherland secretary-treasurer.

STATE BLDG. COUNCIL

Although it held no formal pre-convention meeting, the State Building and Construction Trades Council representatives enjoyed "open house" entertainment provided by the San Diego BTC. Delegates from various Building Trades Councils also had a special meeting to discuss common problems. The California State BTC was launched 50 years ago and is officiated by Otto E. Never, General President, and Thomas G. Harvey, secretary-treasurer.

STATE CARPENTERS

Informal headquarters were set

up at Carpenters Hall by the State Council of Carpenters, Joseph F. Cambiano being the veteran president. The local District Council entertained some 200 expected visitors with a harbor excursion and a special dance.

BANQUET FOR LABORERS

San Diego Laborers 89 were host to delegates from the 63 Laborer and Hod Carriers locals affiliated with the State Federation of Labor. A banquet was held for them Aug. 22 in the Venetian Room of the Grant Hotel. Present were Lee Lalor, sixth vice president of the International, and Albert Smith, international organizer.

BUTCHERS CAUCUS

The Western Federation of Butchers of California maintained conference and reception quarters at the Grand Hotel and a caucus of Butcher Workmen delegates was held Aug. 21. The Western Federation, of which Max J. Osslo is president, now has 26 affiliated locals with a membership of 30,000. Osslo succeeded Milton S. Maxwell who recently was given a testimonial banquet in San Francisco to celebrate 50 years of service to the Butchers Union movement.

TEAMSTERS' "BARN"

Teamsters held no formal pre-convention meeting, but enjoyed their traditional "Teamster Barn" at the Maryland Hotel. The Brotherhood of Teamsters, according to Intl. Rep. Einar O. Mohn, now has approximately 200,000 members in California. Active Tempos at the convention included such veterans as Joseph J. Diviny, president of Local 85 and Joint Council 7, and Intl. Rep. William J. Conboy.

"Closed Shop Congress"

Rep. John F. Shelley (D., Calif.): "The basic answer is simply that too many reactionary members of Congress were elected in 1950. Too many liberal-labor voters stayed away from the polls. The Dixiecrat group, made up largely of northern Republicans and southern Democrats, so-called, have set up a closed shop in Congress—a shop which handles practically nothing but trades between agricultural and big business interests whom they represent. Liberal-minded congressmen can't get inside the door, and the coalition just doesn't deal with liberal legislation except to gang up on it and vote it down."

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BARBERS 866—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., L. L. Taylor, 610 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove; Sec., A. H. Thompson, 391 Prescott St., Monterey, phone 5-4745.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, 823 Kimball St., Seaside, Sec. and Bus. Agt., Royal E. Hallmark, Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASON 16—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 5-6743; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-3715; Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove; Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6744. Office hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 1st Tuesday, Eagles Hall, New Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Winchester, Seaside; Rec. Sec., Vernon Roberts, 1280 Del Monte Ave., Monterey; Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1897 Ellen Ave., ph. CYpress 5-3849; San Jose Office at Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., ph. CYpress 2-0252.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., H. R. Shreve, 406 Alvarado; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, P. G., phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A. Tom Eide, office, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 5-6726; home phone 2-3022.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Harvey Baldwin, ph. Salinas 9939; V. Pres., Geo. Colby, ph. Santa Cruz 6095; Secy-Treas., Leo Thiltgen, ph. Monterey 5-6726; office, 462A Main St., Watsonville, ph. 4-9403.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Nels Pederson, phone 2-5062; Secy-Treas., Andrew Butrica, 452 Hannon, phone 5-4055.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m. Pres., J. W. Abraham, 138 19th, P. G., phone 5-4536; Fin. Sec., M. N. Irwin, ph. 2-0493; Sec. Sec., V. Perez, phone 2-0517; Bus. Agt., LeRoy Hasley, Forest and Morse Sts., P. G., phone 5-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Parajo, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec. Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-5393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, 1 Lilac Road, phone 5-4276. Sec., Roy Humboldt, 122 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164. Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 215, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters, 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 2-3713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 1st and 3rd Tues., 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., Wilbert Wheeler, 35 Laurel, Pacific Grove. Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, 519 Hamilton, Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. K. Krame, Rt. 6, Ex. 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. and B. A. Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

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PAINTERS 472—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and B. A., Fred E. Ask, 230 Montecito, phone 5-5864; office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASON 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St., Pres., S. Bruno, 150 John St.; Sec., Joe D. Mondragon, 272 Paine St., phone 5-6670; Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142, Office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Gerald L. Walton, 334 Maple Ave., phone 2-6719; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Hazdovac, P. O. Box 11, Carmel; Fin. Sec. and B. A., 308 19th, P. G., phone 2-2611.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets last Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P. O. Bldg., 9:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G., phone 2-5213; Sec. and B. A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Geo. Sekols, 701 Ocean View, Pacific Grove; Sec. and B. A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbach, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Oster, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Monterey 5-6744.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Pres., Don Thompson, 418 Park, Salinas; V. Pres., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson, Monterey; Sec., Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Rd., Salinas, ph. 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Shedo Russo, 457 Clay St., Monterey, ph. 2-4472; Rec. Sec., A. H. Finley, ph. Salinas 2-2261; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, Box 584, Watsonville, ph. 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Ray A. Beck, 513 McKenzie St., Watsonville, ph. 4-6127.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSE MEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray Burditt, Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey phone 2-0124.

The Facts of Life

Rep. Brent Spence (D., Ky.) is chairman of the House Banking Committee. That's the group that had charge of the House measure to control prices. It held many hearings on controls. This is what Spence told the House on June 29 about what went on in the hearings:

"Every witness that came there came to speak for his own interests. Every one who spoke for an interest that he was engaged in intimated that it would be satisfactory if they took the controls off him and put them on others."

"We send the boys to the front and they give all they have. But I tell you, you do not see that spirit of sacrifice very much in industry. Every fellow that came in wanted to grab something and give nothing."

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WSB FORMS AT LABOR OFFICES

Washington.—Official forms for applying for all types of wage adjustments through the Wage Stabilization Board are now available at the 76 field offices of the Wage and Hours Division of the U. S. Department of Labor, acting as agents for the board.

They were received by each of the field offices, along with general instruction sheets for all petitioners and special instructions applying to supplemental information required according to the type of wage adjustment being requested.

The supplemental information guide lists will instruct the petitioner as to the additional data required, depending on whether he is asking for adjustment on the basis of new plant, a deferred wage increase agreement, a tandem relationship, an inter-plant inequity, fringe benefits agreement, a cost-of-living adjustment, a piece rate adjustment, or the "rare and unusual" clauses of the regulations.

The guide lists for the last 3 of the situations listed are still in the process of completion, but will be available shortly. In the meantime, petitioners seeking adjustments in these areas should ask for help at the Wage and Hour field offices.

WSB officials called attention to the importance of submitting full information in seeking adjustments, and asserted that during recent months the board staff has been unable to process a considerable number of cases because of inadequate facts.

Army Engineers Hit by Farmers on Flood Control Work

St. Louis (LPA)—Farmers from seven counties in this area charged the Army Engineers have "mismanaged" flood control and demanded the engineers get out.

A group representing those with farms above the Alton dam carried signs reading "Send the Engineers to Korea"; "26 Dams, None Worth One;" "Man-Made Floods—What Will They Think of Next?"

Another group, made up of members of the St. Charles County Farm Bureau, criticized particularly the levee system. Both later held a joint meeting, to air their grievances to Senator James P. Kem (R., Mo.).

The Social Security Act was enacted August 14, 1935.

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OKAY RAISES TO OFFSET PRICE HIKE

Washington.—A new wage policy should be subject to later review by the board. I am making my approval effective only through March 1, 1952. The wage program should be reviewed before that time to determine whether it meets the stabilization requirements then existing."

Economic Stabilization Director Eric Johnston approved the policy recently outlined by the Wage Stabilization Board until next March 1.

The immediate effect is to permit a rise of 2 per cent in wages, or more in exceptional circumstances, in addition to the 10 per cent increase above the levels of January, 1950, permitted under the old formula.

In his approval said in part:

"The policy allows wage adjustments for the wage earners of America—organized and unorganized—that are fair and equitable in relation to what the Congress by law has accorded to farmer through parity pricing provisions and to business through cost adjustments under the Defense Production Act.

"I agree fully with the provision in the resolution that this policy

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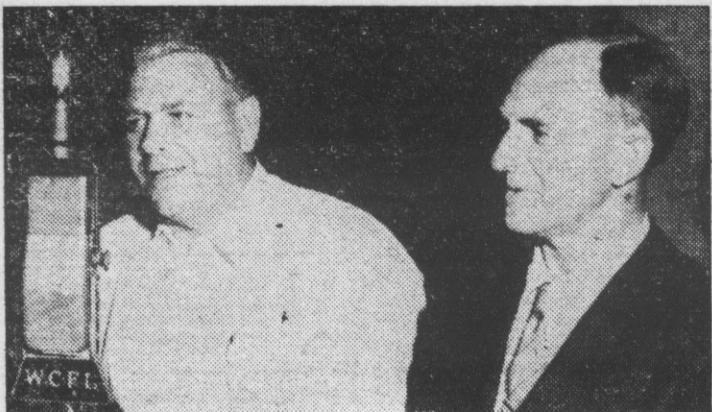
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No Labor Men in Legislature? Visiting Aussie Surprised



ICELANDIC LEADERS BROADCAST—During their visit establishing labor relations between Iceland and the U. S., Helgi Hannesson, left, president Icelandic Federation of Labor, and Finnur Jonsson, Social Democratic member of the Icelandic Parliament and chief of the purchasing department of the government, were interviewed over WCFL, radio station of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

10-MONTH SURVEY SHOWS AMA WRONG ON HEALTH PROGRAM

Washington (LPA)—The American Medical Association has spent millions of dollars trumpeting that as regards health insurance, "the voluntary way is the American way." The AMA has fought the Administration program for compulsory health insurance as "socialized medicine," declaring that voluntary health insurance plans meet the nation's needs.

An independent 10-month survey, just completed, gives the facts and figures to prove how wrong the AMA is. The report shows that:

Voluntary insurance plans do not cover about 80 per cent "of that portion of the nation's medical care bill generally regarded as the minimum that is potentially insurable";

Of the nation's 150,000,000 population, an estimated 75,000,000 do not have insurance against some part of the costs of medical care;

Less than 3 per cent of the population have comprehensive medical care insurance, including hospital, surgical and relatively complete medical insurance. (That is, less than 3 per cent now have what the national health insurance plan proposes);

PLANS VARY

Blue Cross (hospital insurance), keeps about 15 cents of each dollar it gets from a member; Blue Shield (limited medical insurance), keeps an average 21 cents; insurance companies keep 20 cents in insured groups and 45 cents in individual cases; industrial plans range from 0 to 15 cents; as a whole, from 55 to 93 cents of a subscriber's dollar comes back in benefits and dividends, depending on the particular plan and whether he is insured as an individual or as a member of a group;

The proportion of persons having hospital insurance is twice as high in urban areas as in rural, and twice as high in high income states as low income states;

Families of lower income groups are insured much less in proportion to their numbers than those in middle or above middle income groups, although it is generally agreed that families of lower income levels have greater need for medical care than high income groups. "Except through those plans which provide group insurance and in which the employer is bearing at least half the cost, it is difficult to reach these lower-income families";

MEDICAL CLOSED SHOP

"Even in situations favorable to group insurance, a number of private employers are unwilling to permit payroll deduction or to make contributions towards medical-care insurance costs. Further

more, most governmental bodies are not legally permitted to do either of these things";

"The growth of comprehensive insurance has been restricted by difficulties of initial financing and organization, by the frequent opposition of organized medicine, and by restrictive laws enacted in more than half of the states, usually at the instance of physicians and medical societies";

Half the nation's population has no medical care insurance; 15 per cent has hospital insurance only; 21 per cent has hospital and surgical; 11 per cent has hospital, surgical, and limited medical insurance, and only 3 per cent has comprehensive insurance.

The study was made by a staff headed by Dr. Dean A. Clark, director of the Massachusetts General Hospital. Assisting were Morris Pike, vice-president of the John Hancock Insurance Company; Elling Aannestad, researcher for the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation; Cozette Hapney, assistant in medical care at the Harvard School of Public Health.

The study was authorized by Congressional resolution, and was made for the subcommittee on health of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

Congress Is Weakest Link

(AFL Release)
Atlanta, Ga.—Congress is our weakest link in our chain of defenses against Communist aggression.

AFL President William Green told the 93rd convention of the AFL International Typographical Union that the present Congress has done "grave injury to our national unity and morale."

"I believe that their days as a majority force are numbered," he said.

He said the men who gutted the Defense Production Act of vital provisions and smeared upright and able men are the same who are responsible for the Taft-Hartley Act.

A Bureau of Labor, created in 1884, was originally attached to the Department of the Interior. In 1903, a Department of Commerce and Labor was created. The Department of Labor, as now constituted, finally was organized in

The California system of cross-filing, through which candidates may seek nomination by two or more parties in the primary election, was again the object of criticism last week when James D. Kenny, Australian labor leader and legislator, told Los Angeles union members that "the cause of unionism is best served by electing labor leaders directly to the legislative houses."

Kenny visited Los Angeles as part of a nationwide tour to observe social and economic activities of U.S. trade unions, their research and educational programs, as well as the personnel problems of large businesses.

UNION LEGISLATOR

He is a member of the Upper Chamber in the State Legislature in New South Wales, an organizer, and assistant secretary of the New South Wales Trade Unions.

Much surprised to learn that labor leaders are not actively participating as members of the California State Legislature, Kenny declared that with labor legislative representation the cause of organized labor is expedited and shortcuts favorable to unionism are effected.

"A legislature bolstered by militant labor leaders would be able to effect necessary reforms, such as the repeal of laws similar to Taft-Hartley," he said.

Under cross filing procedure, the powerful weapon of the lobbyist-bosses, labor in California has suffered in its efforts to gain such legislative representation. It was experienced in a recent initiative when labor tried to change the State Senate make-up by putting that body on a fairer proportionate level, using voter registration as the basis.

IN OFFICE FOR LIFE

Labor failed by a small margin of votes, mainly because it was unable to gain access to statewide billboard facilities which were in full public view. The only billboards available to labor were those not desired by the lobbyist-bosses who opposed the initiative, and were located in obscure areas.

Cross filing has also stymied labor from electing its own representatives due to the fact that incumbents, once elected, cannot easily be voted out of office.

With the backing of special interests and lobbyist-bosses, 80 per cent of incumbents, who take advantage of the cross filing system, are assured of re-election in the primary.

The brief campaign period before the primary does not afford unions in California sufficient time to educate their members so as to give labor the opportunity to elect leaders of their own directly to legislative houses.

Strongly supporting the popular initiative to abolish cross filing which comes before the voters at the next general election, some unions have approved membership assessments to form a political education fund to aid in ridding California of its greatest political evil.

Johnston Approves Linking Pay Boosts To Cost Increases

Washington (LPA)—Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston has approved the new policy of the Wage Stabilization Board permitting pay increases to match a rise in the cost of living. Johnston said the formula is "an appropriate yardstick" and will have a "definitely stabilizing" effect.

The WSB promptly approved a 6½ per cent pay boost for 90,000 northern cotton-rayon workers, members of the CIO Textile Workers. The pact between the union and the manufacturers called for 7½ per cent, and the labor members of the WSB dissented because the full amount was not granted.

Monterey County

Labor News

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1951

LABOR DAY FETE IN SANTA CRUZ TO BE BARBECUE

All of organized labor in the Santa Cruz area will join next Monday in a big Labor Day Barbecue and Picnic, an annual event for this area, scheduled to start early in the morning at De La Veaga Park.

Paul Burnett, president of the County Building Trades Council and former president of the Santa Cruz Labor Council, is general chairman of the event.

A crowd of more than 1000 persons is expected to take part in the steak dinner, games for youngsters, entertainment, music and other attractions of the day. A feature will be a horseshoe pitching tournament.

Speaker for the occasion will be Thomas Harvey, secretary of the State Building Trades Council. Highlight of the day will be the distribution of donated awards valued in excess of \$1000 and all contributed by local merchants to help make the event a success.

Mont. Laborers Win Wage Gain In Lumber Yards

Negotiations have been completed between Laborers Union 690 and major lumber yards in the Monterey area, with the union gaining a wage increase of 8 cents per hour, according to S. M. Thomas, business agent of the union.

The increase is the rest of the 10 per cent allowable under the Wage Stabilization Board regulations, Thomas said, and brings basic wage for lumber handlers to \$1.54 1/4 per hour and for tally men to \$1.60 1/4.

Firms involved include Work Lumber Yard, Work Mill & Cabinet Shop, Murphy Lumber Co. and Union Supply Co.

In Union Circles

Les Caveny, business agent of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, went hunting last week, but he says the deer all were in hiding!

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Joe Perry, president of the Monterey FCWU, was in attendance at the State Federation of Labor convention last week.

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Barrett & Hilp Company is completing sewer work, but under difficulties, according to Business Agent S. M. Thomas of Laborers 690. Thomas said the workers have been busy "well pointing" to facilitate the sewer pipe laying.

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Don't forget the Labor Day barbecue at Santa Cruz next Monday—plenty of eats, games, entertainment, free gifts, and lots of fun for all—\$1.50 per ticket.

Eide Represents Bricklayers Union

Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, has agreed to act as representative for Bricklayers Union 16 at Monterey, he announced last week.

Eide said he has been assisting the bricklayers since early in August, but only on a part-time basis, devoting his time first to Local 1323.

William B. Wilson was the first Secretary of Labor. He was appointed in 1913 during the first administration of Woodrow Wilson.

MERGED UNION NOMINATIONS DUE TUESDAY

Members of Culinary Alliance 467 and Bartenders Union 545 will meet jointly next Tuesday for the purpose of making nominations for election of officers for the combined union as soon as the merger of the unions is completed.

Two meetings will be held for nominations, both on Tuesday, in the afternoon and evening. International Representative C. T. McDonough will be on hand to assist in the nominations.

Election of officers for the merged unions will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11, with time and place to be announced later.

The two unions originally voted for a merger and then jointly prepared and adopted a set of by-laws for the combined union.

The merger is expected to be complete by Oct. 1 and a new charter with a new number is to be issued to the organization.

Millmen Stamp Needed on All Monterey Work

Any mill or cabinet work handled or installed by members of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey henceforth must bear the official union label of the millworkers, according to Thomas Eide, business agent for the carpenters union.

Eide said some mill and cabinet work has been sent to the Monterey area without the labels and installation has been delayed pending contact with the unions in which jurisdiction the work was fabricated. Stamps are necessary to show the work is union.

Three major mills in the Monterey area are putting the mill label on cabinets and other mill work. These are Tom Work Mill & Cabinet Shop, Union Supply Company and Edwards Products Company.

PG&E Job Calls Electricians

More men have been called for work on the P. G. & E. project at Moss Landing, according to Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas. Business Manager Karl G. Ozols said the call for men was filled easily from the list of unemployed in the union and warned that there still is no work for newcomers to the territory.

Great Britain's Trades Union Congress is to start immediately a nationwide campaign to recruit for the trade unions 6,000,000 unorganized women workers.

